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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE VISIT TO HONOLULU CIL

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1. VIETNAMESE FIRST SECRETARY TRAN VAN LAM ASKED TO SEE EMBOFF AT 1000 HOURS JUNE 26. LAM SAID PERIOD OF JULY 10-14 IS ACCEPTABLE TO HANOI FOR THE CIL VISIT. VIETNAMESE ALSO AGREE TO ANNOUNCEMENT ON JUNE 27. HOWEVER, HANOI WISHES TO DELETE THE SECOND SENTENCE OF THE TEXT CONTAINED REFTEL, AND OPENING PHRASE OF THIRD SENTENCE. (DELETE: QUOTE THE VISIT ORIGINALLY PLANNED FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1978 WAS POSTPONED AT VIETNAMESE REQUEST. IT HAS NOW BEEN AGREED THAT UNQUOTE.)

2. TEXT OF ANNOUNCEMENT SHOULD THUS READ AS FOLLOWS:
BEGIN TEXT: DURING THE DECEMBER 1977 THIRD ROUND OF TALKS IN PARIS ON NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE SRV, THE VIETNAMESE ACCEPTED THE U.S. INVITATION TO SEND A TEAM FROM THEIR OFFICE RESPONSIBLE FOR MIA'S AND THE RECOVERY OF REMAINS TO VISIT THE U.S. CENTRAL IDENTIFICATION LABORATORY AND JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER IN HAWAII. THIS VISIT WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE PERIOD JULY 10-14.

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THE PRECISE TIMING FOR THE VISIT, AS WELL AS THE NAMES OF THE VIETNAMESE AND AMERICAN EXPERTS WHO WILL TAKE PART, WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER. END TEXT.

3. LAM EXPLAINED THAT HANOI DESIRED THIS DELETION SO THAT "THERE WOULD BE NO MISUNDERSTANDING OR SPECULATION." HE ASKED FOR CONFIRMATION ASAP THAT

TEXT OF ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD READ AS HANOI WISHED.

4. EMBOFF ASKED LAM ABOUT OTHER POINTS MENTIONED IN
REFTEL. LAM SAID ONLY THAT NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS IN
THE VISIT WOULD BE COMMUNICATED IN A FEW DAYS, AFTER
WHICH IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO DISCUSS MODALITIES OF
THEIR TRAVEL TO HONOLULU.

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